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RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated May 16, 2006 subjecting Claims 1-29 to Restriction in the above-identified patent application.

Restriction is required under 35 U.S.C 121 between the following groups of claims:

Group I: Claims 1-12 and 14-28, drawn to a method, computer instructions, and systems for selecting a set of normalized data points, classified in class 702, subclass 19.

Group II: Claims 13 and 29, drawn to a data set, classified in class 707, subclass 100.

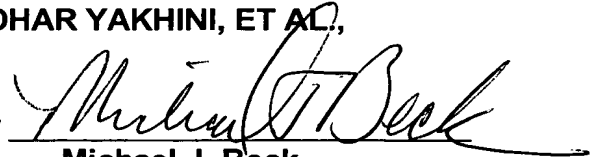
Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group I with traverse and respectfully request reconsideration of the restriction requirement. Since the claims of Group II (13 and 29) refer back to claims 1 and 20, respectively in Group I, any search conducted for Group I claims would be essentially similar in scope to the Group II claims. Therefore, there is no excessive burden in examining the claims together, as required by MPEP §803. It is therefore respectfully requested that Group II be examined together with Group I.

At any time during the pendency of this application, please charge any fees required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-1078 pursuant to 37 CFR 1.25. Additionally please charge any fees to Deposit Account 50-1078, under 37 CFR 1.16, 1.17, 1.19, 1.20 and 1.21. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed.

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